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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**- and -**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the Lead  
Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11  
(Lead Case) (Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN P.D. SCHRAG  
(I) REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
DEBTORS' NOTICE PROCEDURES AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE PLAN AND (II) IN  
SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO  
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE'S MOTION TO  
EXTEND APPLICATION OF FEDERAL RULE  
OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 23 TO PROOF OF  
CLAIM**

Related Docket Nos.: 5042  
Date: January 29, 2020  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)  
Place: United States Bankruptcy Court  
Courtroom 17, 16th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Benjamin P.D. Schrag, hereby declare as follows under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the Chief Business Development Officer of Prime Clerk LLC (“**Prime Clerk**”),<sup>1</sup> a chapter 11 administrative services firm whose headquarters are located at One Grand Central Place, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1440, New York, New York 10165. Except as otherwise noted, this Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, my review of relevant documents, and information provided to me by PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) and their agents and professionals, including professionals at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, AlixPartners LLP, and Prime Clerk, and my prior experience in bankruptcy noticing, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I submit this declaration (the “**Declaration**”) (i) to provide the Court with a report regarding the successful and timely implementation of the Debtors’ robust multi-faceted plan and procedures for providing notice of the Bar Date and the procedures for filing proofs of claims to known and unknown claimants in the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases, including Known and Unknown Fire Claimants (the “**Notice Procedures**”), and (ii) in support of the Debtors’ objection, filed contemporaneously herewith, to the *Securities Lead Plaintiff’s Motion to apply Bankruptcy Rule 7023 to Class Proof of Claim* [Docket No. 5042].

3. As detailed both in the May 22, 2019 *Declaration of Benjamin P.D. Schrag in Support of Bar Date Motion* [Docket No. 1787] (the “**Initial Schrag Declaration**”) and the November 11, 2019 *Declaration of Benjamin P.D. Schrag (i) Regarding Implementation of the Debtors’ Notice Procedures and Supplemental Notice Plan and (ii) in Support of Debtors’ Objection to Class Representative’s Motion to Extend Application of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 to Class Proof of Claim* [Docket No. 4687] (the “**Supplemental Schrag Declaration**,” together with the Initial Schrag Declaration, the “**Prior Schrag Declarations**”)<sup>2</sup> and the declarations of Shai Y. Waisman, Chief Executive Officer of

<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Bar Date Motion or Bar Date Order (each as defined below), as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> The Prior Schrag Declarations are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

1 Prime Clerk [Docket Nos. 1786 and 2643] (the “**Waisman Declarations**,” and together with the Initial  
2 Schrag Declaration and the Supplemental Schrag Declaration, the “**Prior Declarations**”) filed in  
3 connection with the Debtors’ motion seeking to establish a deadline for filing proofs of claim in the  
4 Chapter 11 Cases and to approve related noticing procedures [Docket No. 1784] (the “**Bar Date**  
5 **Motion**”), Prime Clerk is authorized by the Clerk of the Court to act as a claims and noticing agent and  
6 has significant experience acting in such capacity. On February 1, 2019, the Court entered an order  
7 appointing Prime Clerk as claims and noticing agent in these Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 245]. A  
8 comprehensive description of my background, Prime Clerk’s retention in these Chapter 11 Cases, and  
9 Prime Clerk’s extensive qualifications, experience, and expertise acting as claims and noticing agents in  
10 other chapter 11 cases is set forth in the Prior Declarations.

11 **I. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NOTICE PROCEDURES**

12 4. By Order dated July 1, 2019 [Docket No. 2806] (the “**Bar Date Order**”), the Bankruptcy  
13 Court established October 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) (the “**Bar Date**”) as the deadline for  
14 filing proofs of claim on account of any prepetition claim in the Chapter 11 Cases. In addition to  
15 establishing the Bar Date, the Bar Date Order, among other things, approved: (i) three different proof of  
16 claim forms, including a customized Fire Claimant Proof of Claim Form that was designed and agreed  
17 to by the TCC; (ii) three separate forms of Bar Date Notice to be mailed out to potential claimants and  
18 other parties in interest, including customized notices for the Debtors’ Customers and Fire Claimants;  
19 and (iii) the Debtors’ robust, multi-faceted Notice Procedures for providing notice of the Bar Date to  
20 known and unknown claimants, including Known and Unknown Fire Claimants. In accordance with the  
21 Bar Date Order, the Debtors commenced implementation of their Notice Procedures on July 1, 2019 and  
22 continued their efforts through the Court-approved Bar Date of October 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific  
23 Time.

24 5. As set forth in the Prior Declarations, the Debtors’ Notice Procedures were broad and  
25 robust, and included both extensive direct mailings to known claimants, including approximately 50,000  
26 Known Fire Claimants and the Debtors’ millions of Customers, as well as a multi-faceted supplemental  
27 noticing campaign (the “**Supplemental Notice Plan**”) that was designed to maximize reach to all  
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1 unknown claimants, including Unknown Fire Claimants, in a variety of different ways, including through  
2 (i) multiple local and national newspaper and magazine publication notices, (ii) digital advertising,  
3 including social media, social influencers, and other paid Internet search listings, (iii) television and  
4 radio advertising, (iv) press releases, and (v) extensive community and boots on the grounds outreach  
5 efforts. The summary below focuses on the results of the Debtors' extensive direct noticing efforts and  
6 also includes a discussion of the claims filed and received by Prime Clerk prior to the Bar Date.<sup>3</sup> In  
7 total, the Debtors expended more than \$11 million on Bar Date Notice mailings and noticing efforts,  
8 including approximately \$7.2 million on direct mailings, approximately \$440,000 on publication notices,  
9 and approximately \$2.9 million on the other aspects of the Supplemental Notice Plan.<sup>4</sup>

10 6. As set forth in further detail below, implementation of the Notice Procedures has been,  
11 in my opinion, an absolute success and far exceeded the anticipated results as described to the Court in  
12 connection with approval of the Bar Date Motion or the results typically achieved in other high-profile  
13 chapter 11 cases, including chapter 11 cases involving mass tort claims.

14 ***Direct Mailings***

15 7. At the direction of the Debtors, Prime Clerk mailed over 6.5 million copies of the Bar  
16 Date Notices and Proof of Claim Forms to potential claimants in these Chapter 11 Cases. As noted in  
17 the Supplemental Schrag Declaration, Prime Clerk served the Standard Proof of Claim Form and  
18 Standard Bar Date Notice on approximately 141,000 potential creditors, contract counterparties, and  
19 other parties in interest. Prime Clerk additionally served the Standard Bar Date Notice on approximately  
20 11,300 funded debt claimants and approximately 111,000 holders of the equity interests in PG&E Corp.

21 8. A chart summarizing the direct mailings completed by Prime Clerk at the direction of the  
22 Debtors is set forth below:  
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25 <sup>3</sup> An in-depth discussion of the results of the Debtors' Supplemental Notice Plan is set forth in the  
Declaration of Jeanne C. Finegan, submitted contemporaneously herewith.

26 <sup>4</sup> Although the Debtors' have approximately 16 million customers, that equates to approximately 6.2  
27 million unique customer accounts to which the Debtors provided actual notice of the Bar Date. The  
corresponding decrease in cost from sending fewer mailers than anticipated accounts for the difference  
28 in the estimated cost versus the final cost of the Notice Procedures.

Category	Approximate Number of Direct Mailings	Notice(s)/Form(s) Received
Customer List	6,200,000	A) Customer Bar Date Notice B) Standard Proof of Claim Form
Known Fire Claimants	50,000	A) Fire Claim Bar Date Notice B) Fire Claimant Proof of Claim Form
Potential Fire Claimants Identified from GIS Data	17,000	A) Fire Claim Bar Date Notice B) Fire Claimant Proof of Claim Form
Creditor Matrix	50,000	A) Standard Bar Date Notice B) Standard Proof of Claim Form
Schedule D/E/F Parties	75,000	A) Standard Bar Date Notice B) Standard Proof of Claim Form
Schedule G Contract Counterparties	16,000	A) Standard Bar Date Notice B) Standard Proof of Claim Form
Subrogation Claimants	225	A) Fire Claim Bar Date Notice B) Wildfire Subrogation Claimant Proof of Claim Form
Noteholders	11,300	A) Standard Bar Date Notice
Equity Holders	111,000	A) Standard Bar Date Notice
Brokerage Nominees	1,352	A) Standard Bar Date Notice
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,531,877</b>	

9. Affidavits certifying that service on the aforementioned parties was carried out at the Debtors' direction and in accordance with the Bar Date Order, the Bankruptcy Code, and otherwise applicable law, and the method of such service, were filed by Prime Clerk on July 23, 2019 [Docket No. 3159], July 30, 2019 [Docket No. 3262], and August 8, 2019 [Docket No. 3474].

10. To reach claimants who had changed their address, Prime Clerk used the U.S. Postal Service Change of Address Database. For mail that was returned with a forwarding address, Prime Clerk forwarded notice to the new address. For mail that was returned and marked undeliverable, Prime Clerk engaged the TransUnion Skip Tracing Database to search for alternative addresses, where Prime Clerk then sent notice. Through this process, Prime Clerk was able to forward approximately 69% of returned mail to an alternative address. An affidavit of service certifying that these supplemental remailings occurred was filed on October 31, 2019 [Docket No. 4543].

11. As set forth in the Bar Date Order, email notice was used by the Debtors to supplement hard-copy notice. I understand the Debtors sent email notice to approximately 4.2 million customer accounts for which the Debtors have email information.

#### *Claim Centers*

12. In accordance with the Bar Date Order, Claim Centers were created as places where members of the affected communities could go during normal business hours to ask general questions about the claims process, obtain Proof of Claim Forms, and hand deliver Proofs of Claim and receive a date-stamped receipt. In addition, the Bar Date Notices were posted in all of the Debtors' billing service centers (approximately seventy (70) service centers in total). Approximately 3,900 individuals visited and talked to an agent at the Claim Centers, and a total of approximately 19,200 proofs of claim were filed in-person at the Claims Centers, as detailed in the following chart:

Location	Total Visitors as of 10/21/19	Total Claims Received as of 10/21/19
Redding	267	57
Chico	763	6,859
Oroville	723	191
Marysville	448	1,110
Napa	752	5,195
Santa Rosa	952	5,792
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>19,204</b>

#### *Case Website, Call Centers and Email Notification*

13. As described in the Bar Date Motion, the Debtors, through Prime Clerk, have established a dedicated Case Website and Call Center reachable by toll-free numbers. The Case Website and toll-free numbers have been prominently displayed in all printed notice documents and other paid advertising. The Case Website provided notice of the Bar Date and all requirements to comply therewith, and other relevant information relating to the Chapter 11 Cases and call center operators conveyed this information to inquiring callers.

14. The Call Center received over 8,190 calls, voicemails, and live chats. When Prime Clerk received a voicemail or live chat after hours, Prime Clerk reached out the next day to follow up whenever possible.

15. The Case Websites (as defined in the Supplemental Schrag Declaration) collectively received over 784,255 page views, of which 475,073 occurred after July 1, 2019, when this Court approved the Bar Date and Notice Procedures. Additionally, Prime Clerk responded to 1,390 email inquiries submitted via the Case Websites.

16. Prime Clerk estimates that there were in excess of 14,000 individual downloads of the Bar Date Notices and Proof of Claim Forms from the Case Website.

## II. CLAIMS RECEIVED AS OF THE BAR DATE

17. As a result of the Debtors' extensive Notice Procedures, including the Supplemental Notice Plan, over 85,000 claims were received prior to the Bar Date. Claims have been received online, by mail, in person at Claim Centers, and through the Debtors' efforts to coordinate uploading and claims sharing from the BrownGreer database maintained by certain of the attorneys for the individual Fire Claimants.

18. Below is a breakdown of the total number of claims that were filed before the Bar Date:

Vehicle	Claims Received
Online (via the Case Websites / Court Website)	17,210
Mail	7,752
In Person at Claim Centers	19,204
BrownGreer	41,604
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,770</b>

19. Based on my experience, the 85,000 claims filed in these Chapter 11 Cases exceeds the absolute number of claims filed in most recent, high-profile bankruptcies including other chapter 11 cases involving mass torts. For example:

- Takata's chapter 11 cases, *In re TK Holdings Inc.*, No. 17-11375 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. 2017), had 58,257 claims filed, despite mailing 88 million notices directly to claimants.
- Lehman Brothers' chapter 11 cases, *In re Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc.*, Case No. 08-13555 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), had 68,263 claims filed, despite being the largest chapter 11 case in history and having a global creditor base.
- General Motors' chapter 11 cases, *In re Motors Liquidation Co.*, Case No. 09-50026 (REG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), had approximately 71,000 claims filed.
- Toys 'R' Us' chapter 11 cases, *In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.* Case No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va.), had 22,924 claims filed.

- RadioShack’s chapter 11 cases, *In re RS Legacy Corp.*, Case No. 15-10197 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del.), had 19,121 claims filed.
- PG&E’s 2001 chapter 11 case, *In re Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.*, Case No. 01-30923 (DM) (Bankr. N.D. Cal.), had approximately 13,500 claims filed.
- Residential Capital’s (ResCap) chapter 11 cases, *In re Residential Capital, LLC*, Case No. 12-12020 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), had 7,500 claims filed.
- Washington Mutual’s chapter 11 cases, *In re Washington Mutual, Inc.*, Case No. 08-12229 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del.) had 4,100 claims filed.

### III. CONCLUSION


20. The Noticing Procedures in these Chapter 11 Cases, as implemented, have exceeded projected and anticipated results contemplated when they were approved on July 1, 2019, achieving a broad reach that is virtually unmatched in my experience in chapter 11 cases.



1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true  
2 and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

3 Dated: January 14, 2020

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